



May 9, 2006

Construction Update: 238 Broadway

Dear 238 Broadway Abutters, Area Four and Fletcher-Maynard Academy Community Members:

As you may know, during demolition at 238 Broadway, asbestos containing building material was found under the asphalt of the Dickinson Street parking lot. To secure the site for the winter months, licensed asbestos professionals disposed of a stockpile of soil from the site, and placed a heavy-duty cover over the parking lot area.

Over the past several months, the City has worked with environmental professionals to develop the following plan to move forward with soil remediation and park construction.

Learn more about this project at a community meeting:

Wednesday, May 17th

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

*Cafeteria, Fletcher-Maynard Academy
225 Windsor Street*

Soil Testing:

During the upcoming week the demolition contractor, S&R Corporation, will dig 80 test pits on the site. Soil conditions will be visually assessed, and samples taken for analytical testing. This testing will provide information needed to determine appropriate disposal methods. All personnel working on the test pits will be licensed asbestos professionals and/or OSHA hazardous waste site worker trained. Air quality monitoring will be conducted during the sampling program.

Remediation:

Actual soil remediation is expected to begin in mid- to late-summer of this year, and will take approximately six weeks to complete. During the remediation, all areas of the site where asbestos containing building material and/ or soils identified by laboratory analysis to contain oil or other hazardous material (OHM) at concentrations above residential standards will be excavated down approximately three feet. This soil will be removed from the site, and replaced with clean material.

During the removal operation, a licensed asbestos supervisor will visually monitor for dust, which is primarily controlled through the application of water. As a further precaution, air-sampling devices will be established on site to monitor for airborne asbestos fibers.

Park Construction:

Park construction will begin immediately following soil remediation, likely in the fall of this year, and will continue into next summer.

I thank you for your patience during this construction project. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 349-6948/ rfuentes@cambridgema.gov, if you have any questions or concerns about this project.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Fuentes
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